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Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. By its resolution 1990/48, the Economic and Social Council decided that the membership of the Commission on Human Rights should be increased to 53 and that the 10 additional seats should be allocated among the regional groups of Africa, Asia and Latin America and the Caribbean on the basis of the principle of equitable geographical distribution. In the same resolution, the Council decided that the 10 additional seats should be filled in 1991.

2. The Chairmen of the African, Asian and Latin American and Caribbean groups have written to the Secretary-General confirming their agreeement to the distribution of the 10 additional seats as follows:

African States: 4 seats
Asian States: 3 seats
Latin American and Caribbean States: 3 seats

3. Therefore, at its first regular session of 1991, the Council is to elect a total of 24 members for a three-year term, beginning on 1 January 1992, according to the following pattern:

Seven members from African States
Six members from Asian States
Two members from Eastern European States
Six members from Latin American and Caribbean States
Three members from Western European and other States

4. The Council's attention is drawn to the fact that the terms of office of 14 members of the enlarged Commission will expire in 1992, 15 in 1993 and 24 in 1994.

5. The membership of the Commission in 1991 is given in the annex to the present document.

Annex

COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS - 53 MEMBERS

(Term of three years)

Fifteen members from African States a/

Burundi (1993), Ethiopia* (1991), Gambia (1993), Ghana (1992), Madagascar (1992), Mauritania (1993), Morocco* (1991), Senegal (1992), Somalia (1992), Swaziland* (1991), Zambia (1993)

Twelve members from Asian States b/

Bangladesh* (1991), China (1993), Cyprus* (1991), India* (1991), Indonesia (1993), Iraq (1992), Japan (1993), Pakistan (1992), Philippines (1992)

Five members from Eastern European States

Czechoslovakia (1993), Hungary (1992), Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic* (1991), Union of Soviet Socialist Republics* (1991), Yugoslavia (1992)

Eleven members from Latin American and Caribbean States b/

Argentina (1993), Brazil (1992), Colombia* (1991), Cuba* (1991), Mexico (1992), Panama* (1991), Peru (1993), Venezuela (1993)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Australia (1993), Austria (1993), Belgium* (1991), Canada* (1991), France (1992), Germany (1993), Italy (1992), Portugal (1993), Sweden* (1991), United States of America (1992)

Twenty-four members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Seven members from African States

Six members from Asian States

Two members from Eastern European States

Six members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Three members from Western European and other States

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* Retiring member.

a/ There are four vacant seats in this group.

b/ There are three vacant seats in this group.